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SUBJECT: TEXT OF VIGNES' COMMUNIQUE POSTPONING MFM

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF STATEMENT READ BY FOREIGN MINISTER VIGNES AT 6 PM PRESS CONFERENCE JAN 27.

"THE SANCTION OF THE LAW OF FOREIGN COMMERCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS CREATED A CONTINENTAL SITUATION WHICH HAS BEEN ANALYZED IN A RECENT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES. DURING THIS MEETING, ALL LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES UNANIMOUSLY CONFIRMED THAT THIS LEGISLATION DAMAGES INTERAMERICAN SOLIDARITY, PERVERTS THE GENERAL SYSTEM OF GENERAL PREFERENCES, CONTRADICTS DISPOSITIONS CONTAINED IN THE LETTER OF THE ORGANIZATION AND, BECAUSE OF ITS RIGIDITY AND LACK OF EQUITY, HARMS THE FUNDAMENTAL INTERESTS OF LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. ARGENTINA AMPLY AGREES WITH THE SPIRIT AND THE WRITING OF THIS RESOLUTION.

BECAUSE OF THAT, THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT, AS PRO TEMPORE SECRETARY OF COORDINATION OF THE III MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS, BELIEVED IT APPROPRIATE TO PROPOSE THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE MEETING WHICH WAS TO BE HELD NEXT MARCH IN BUENOS AIRES, CONVINCED THAT THE SITUATION CREATED SHOULD BE FACED BY LATIN AMERICAN IN UNITY AND SOLIDARITY. THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE CONSULATIONS MADE WITH ALL

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PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS, HAS ARRIVED AT THE CONCLUSION THAT

CONDITIONS ARE NOT ADEQUATE TO HOLD THE MEETING UNDER THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. CONSEQUENTLY, THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT HEREBY POSTPONES THE MEETING UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE CONFLICTING SITUATION CREATED BY THE LAW OF FOREIGN COMMERCE OF THE UNITED STATES IS OVERCOME, AND WILL THEN RESUME THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES AND THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND HARMONY WHICH IS REQUIRED TO FACE THE CONSIDERATION OF THE PRINCIPAL MATTERS OF CONTINENTAL INTEREST, AND SO THAT THE AFOREMENTIONED DIALOGUE WILL BE AN EFFECTIVE AND SUCCESSFUL INSTRUMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE REGION'S HOPES. WITH THIS DECISION, ARGENTINA CONTRIBUTES TOWARDS THE IMPROVEMENT OF INTERAMERICAN RELATIONS AND SERVES LATIN AMERICAN SOLIDARITY, IN WHICH IT BELIEVES AND TRUSTS AS A FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR PEOPLE".

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